

EDWARD DEATER HOUSE
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Rhode Island

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Owner: Frank L. Hinckley

Date of Erection: 1798

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present condition: Good

Number of Stories: 2½

Materials of Construction: Frame structure, brick end walls, low hipped roof and double rows of balusters, balustraded porch, pedimented first story windows. (Front dormers were added a few years ago).

Other Existing records: Old Providence--Merchants National Bank. Quote: "The house which he built about 1796 is now at 72 Waterman Street. Its first location was on George Street, from which it was moved to its present site. In earlier years Professor Blake resided in it, and still later Mr. Pendleton, who kept there his famous collection of colonial furniture, now in the Rhode Island School of Design. Photo, page 44.

The History of Brown University by Walter C. Bronson, Ref. page 334.

The Rhode Island Guide, Ref. P, 275.

Early Homes of Rhode Island--Down-
ing, with drawing P.332 of pediment-
ed window. Reference PP.367-375.
Photograph P.376, exterior view.
Photograph P.377 of parlor, showing
pedimented mantel and arched recess.
Photograph P.378--dining room.
Photograph P.379--hallway.

Additional Data:

From White Pine Series of Arch. Mon-
ograph, June 1918, by Norman M. Is-
ham. Quote: "Another Providence
merchant, Edward Dexter, built on
George Street the house now at 72
Waterman Street. This building was
sawed in two and each half moved
separately to the present location
and reunited. Any one who is skep-
tical, the moving took place during
the memory of men now living, may
see the saw-cut in the entablatures
of the porch."

Transcript of Records
at City Hall, Providence, R.I.

July	21, 1794	Edward Dexter bought lot of land from John Lee--land on hill near Rhode Island College (Brown Univer- sity on George St.) Consideration \$250.
December	19, 1795	Edward Dexter bought second lot of land on hill from John B. Hookins. Consideration \$160.
	1798	House built
September	6, 1799	Henry Smith bought of Edward Dexter, two lots, dwelling house, barn, stable and other buildings, consid- eration \$8000.
January	25, 1804	William F. Megee bought of Henry Smith, dwelling house, barn, stable and other buildings.

November 13, 1805	Samuel Nightingale and John Corlis bought of William F. Negee, dwelling house, barn, stable and other buildings. Consideration \$8000.
July 22, 1807	George Leonard bought of Samuel Nightingale and John Corlis, 2 lots, dwelling house, barn and other buildings.
September 7, 1819	George Leonard willed to his daughter, Peddy, widow of Hon. Jabez Bowen. Peddy Bowen willed to her cousins, William Baylies, 2/3 of the property and 1/3 to George L. Barnes.
August 13, 1851	William Baylies and George L. Barnes sold to Seth Adams Jr. land, dwelling, buildings and improvements, consideration \$13500.
March 10, 1860	Seth Adams, Jr. sold to John Carter Brown, consideration \$10,000. John Carter Brown conveyed land to Brown University, with stipulation not to be built upon. House was sawed in two and moved to 72 Waterman Street. Sophia Augusta Brown inherited from John Carter Brown.
November 23, 1907.	G.W.R. Matteson et als (Trustees for Sophia Augusta Brown) sold to F.L. Day.
September 27, 1926 to September 2, 1927	Held by F.L. Day's Estate.
September 2, 1927	Deed from executor of F.L. Day's Estate to Frank L. Hinckley, house, garage, lot, consideration \$35,000.
1937	Frank L. Hinckley, present owner.

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